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Referral Cases under ECHS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether referral cases from polyclinics under Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) to empanelled hospitals / labs have substantially increased;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen polyclinics under ECHS?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The increase in referral cases is approximately 7-10% under different Regional Centres.
- (c) The following steps have been taken by the Government to strengthen the Polyclinics under ECHS;
 - (i) 1709 additional contractual posts of various categories including that of Gynecologist, Radiologist, Radiographer, Pharmacist, etc. have been sanctioned under ECHS scheme during the year 2013 to provide quality medicare to ECHS beneficiaries.
 - (ii) The remuneration paid to contractual ECHS polyclinic staff has been revised upward to retain the quality staff. Remuneration of contractual ECHS Specialists, Medical Officers, Dental Officers and Officer-in-Charge has also been revised w.e.f. 27th November 2015 to bring them at par with CGHS.
